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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Cottbus airfield between 26 November and 10 December 1953:

26 November. There was air activity by Yak-18s. The weather was cloudless in the morning.

1 December. There was intensive flying by Yak-11s. The weather was cloudless and visibility good.

2 December. Yak-11s and Yak-18s were seen aloft.

3 December. There was air activity by Yak-11s.

4 December. Yak-18s practiced flying in elements of twos and performed aerobatics. There were no clouds.

8 December. There was flying by Yak-11s.

9 and 10 December. Yak-18s practiced flying.

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3. The following air activity was observed at the field between 1 and 9 December:

1 December. At 11 a.m., five Yak-11s were observed at the western end of the runway. The aircraft took off individually for flight of about 8 minutes duration climbing to an altitude of about 1,500 meters. Take-offs and landings were made on the runway. Each of the Yaks had a two-man crew. Eighteen Yak-11s

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10 Yak-18s and 2 biplanes were parked in front of the hangars.

25X1 2 December. Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., there was flying by Yak-18s. The aircraft shortly touched ground on the runway after one local flight and then zoomed off again. They landed after having made three local flights.

3 December. Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Yak-11s practiced flying.

4 December. Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Yak-18s practiced flying in a similar way as observed on 2 December.

8 December. Between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., there was air activity by Yak-18s. Up to three aircraft were seen aloft at the same time.

9 December. Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., there was flying by Yak-11s. Some of the aircraft flew with retracted landing gears.

4. During the first half of December, construction work on the fence around the field continued.

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5. [redacted] the Funker Kaserne in Cottbus was occupied by VFL. [redacted]

6. [redacted] aircraft of all the types stationed at the field, namely biplanes and single-engine monoplanes of two different sizes, practiced flying during the first half of December.

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25X1A Comment. Since late November, the units in Cottbus of the VFL, referred to as Aero-Club, also practiced flying with Yak-11s. For information on the shipment of these aircraft to the field, [redacted] Primary flight training is being conducted in Yak-18s as well as in Yak-11s.

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